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Cohen bids farewell to ‘the finest force’

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The senator turned defense secretary bid farewell to his military constituents Jan. 17, hailing America’s armed forces as “the finest force for freedom the world has ever known.”

William S. Cohen paid tribute to the



Cohen

nation’s servicemembers during a farewell ceremony at Fort Myer, Va. Prior to being sworn in as the nation’s 20th defense secretary in January 1997, he served for nearly 25 years first as a congressman and then as a senator from Maine.

Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was host of the event. Also present were former defense secretaries Caspar W. Weinberger and William J. Perry, and a host of other senior defense officials. Shelton praised Cohen for his “deep love of country and strong devotion and respect for those who serve.”

“For the past four years, America has successfully navigated the often dangerous waters of international security affairs with Secretary Cohen at the helm,” Shelton said. “The department, and indeed the nation, have been well served having him in charge during the many storms we have weathered over these unpredictable years.”

Throughout his tenure, the chairman said, Cohen has been a “player’s coach” who cared deeply for servicemembers, and a “visionary leader” who executed a winning game plan.

The chairman said he’d watched Cohen work tirelessly on behalf of

the nation’s military men and women, travel over 750,000 miles to foster world peace and stability and fight tough fights at home and abroad for what was best for both the nation and its armed forces.

“You are a person of absolute integrity and of tremendous vision,” Shelton told the secretary.

The chairman also paid tribute to Cohen’s wife, Janet Langhart Cohen, who has been a “great partner” at the secretary’s side over the past four years. Her volunteer efforts led to DoD’s first family forum, which gave senior Pentagon officials a firsthand opportunity to hear family members’

concerns. She also initiated the Pentagon Pops, a musical tribute to the military, and four holiday tours, co-hosted by the secretary and the USO.

“On behalf of our men and women in uniform,” Shelton said, “let me say a special thank you for your tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of our people in uniform and their families and for your efforts to reconnect the military to America.

“Those of us here today who have grown to know you so well, will miss you greatly. But, so too will the fam-

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Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver, Jr.

Private first class Lynn Marie Robbins, a military police K-9 handler for MCB Hawaii Military Police Dept. draws a bead on Marine reservist and New York State trooper Staff Sgt. Scott M. Mahnke during "high-risk" traffic stop exercises.

Reserve Marines train base MPs

Sgt. Richard Holtgraver Jr.

Combat Correspondent

Marine Corps reservists brought their civilian knowledge of crime fighting and passed it on to Hawaii’s military and state police departments during a 16-hour seminar that included lectures and practical applications at the MCB Hawaii Military Police Department on Jan. 17-18.

The six reservists took time from their annual training to give the two-day seminar, which bolstered the military police’s already extensive training schedule. Members of Air Force police forces, Pearl Harbor Department of Defense security and Honolulu Police came to K-Bay to learn from the seminar

“The Marines are seeing the civilian law enforcement side of

the coin, as well as the Marine side, because the instructors are Marine reservists,” said Staff Sgt. Jon D. Jerome, training chief for the Military Police Department, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. “The Marine military police here are getting valuable knowledge of what to expect from the civilian community, and how to handle it.”

Much of the lectures by the reservists concentrated on felony vehicle stops and drug interdiction in today’s modern society.

“What we want to impart here is civilian police experience and knowledge,” said Warrant Officer Patrick E. Morrow, a Buffalo police officer. “The classroom instructions on tactical awareness to the practical application classes on felony vehicle stops will

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1st MAW commanding general visits ASEK Marines

Cpl. M. Trent Lowry

Combat Correspondent

The commanding general for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Maj. Gen. James Cartwright, visited the 1st MAW Aviation Support Element, Kaneohe, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Jan. 18 through today.

The purpose of the CG’s week-long visit was to assess the state of operations of ASEK and to meet with all of the ASEK field grade officers to give them feedback on his expectations of the support element, results of the Marine Air Board and future ASEK deployments to

Western Pacific regions.

Major Gen. Cartwright also met with Lt. Gen. Frank Libutti, commander of Marine Forces Pacific, Brig. Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., MCB Hawaii commanding general, and Col. Reynolds B. Peele, commanding officer of 3rd Marine Regiment, during his visit to Hawaii after attending the Marine Air Board last week.

“The visit was very successful and informative. It’s important that the ASEK Marines have an opportunity to interact with their commanding general,” said Lt. Col. Chris D. McMenomy, ASEK executive officer.

The 1st MAW CG flew as a co-pilot in CH-

53D helicopters from Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadrons 363 and 463 to view the aviation training areas in Hawaii and to become familiar with the flight operations here. During the flights, Maj. Gen. Cartwright was able to view the routes along the North Shore, through a terrain flight route in the mountains and over the Dole Plantation.

“One thing I would like to see is a Ground Control Approach pattern,” said Maj. Gen. Cartwright. “I want to see how it works in a helo.”

The flights went very smoothly, said Maj.

Tom Breneman, aircraft maintenance officer with HMH-463. “I think the general enjoyed it very much,” Breneman said.

After meeting with the officers, Maj. Gen. Cartwright went to Anderson Hall for lunch with all the squadron sergeants major.

During the visit, Maj. Gen. Cartwright made his way to all the squadrons that were not deployed and spoke with the Marines and Sailors of the ASEK about operational tempo and aircraft maintenance.

Major Gen. Cartwright returned to 1st MAW headquarters in Okinawa, Japan, but is scheduled to visit the ASEK again in February.

Vietnam vet brings motivational message to Marines

Cpl. Roman Yurek

Combat Correspondent

Overcoming adversity to achieve success was the topic for motivational speaker Patrick Cleburne McClary, III, or “Clebe,” a medically retired first lieutenant, during his visit to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Jan. 16.

This author, husband, father and grandfather did not speak about the history of the Vietnam War, which he fought in, but about his success afterward.

In 1966, he enlisted into the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. During McClary’s short time in the Corps, he was a Platoon Leader with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

On the platoon’s 19th reconnaissance patrol, they made contact with the enemy. This engagement eventually resulted in hand-to-hand combat. The initial attack took McClary’s left arm. By the time a helicopter came to rescue the platoon, he lost an eye, bursted both eardrums, mutilated his right hand and shredded his leg.

After the ordeal, he spent two and a half years in the hospital. The time there was spent grueling through 34 surgeries and hours of physical therapy.

“In the hospital, I was told that I would never walk again,” McClary said with a southern drawl, standing and walking in front of the rows of Marines.

Currently, at 60-years-old, McClary has been married to his wife Deanna, for close to 40 years.

They have two children, Tara McClary Reeves and Christa McClary McElveen.

He said that his family was with him every step of his recovery.

Since his near death experience, McClary wrote a book about his life called “Living Proof,” and had a documentary about his life story made called, “Portrait of an American Hero.”

During his talks to Marines, students, military officer selectees and businesses, McClary brings a fist full of acronyms.

His speech is derived around one, PATCH, Positive Attitude That Characterizes Hope.

“Many people say they are happy it’s Friday,”



Cpl. Roman Yurek

McClary speaks to MCB Hawaii Marines Jan. 6.

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MCBH NEWS
BRIEFS

BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE
SEEKS MEMBERS

The MCB Hawaii Black History Month Committee is currently looking for members to help participate in coordinating events for February’s Black History Month. The current committee has planned a professional military education session at the base theater Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. with a showing of “Men of Honor.”

To join the committee or to get more information call Master Sgt. Duane Keys, the base Equal Opportunity Advisor at 257-7721.

TECHNOLOGY EXPO

A Technology Expo, hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pollock Theater at Camp H. M. Smith. Technology company representatives from throughout the country will showcase their latest products and will hold demonstrations and answer questions regarding their products.

RECON MARINES WANTED

Currently, 4th Force Reconnaissance Co. aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is in search of Marines to fill its ranks. Marines of all military occupational specialties are welcome, but must be willing to change their current MOS to one in the infantry or intelligence occupational fields. Any Marines (enlisted or officer) leaving active duty status and desiring to enter the reserves should contact Staff Sgt. Gerald Rohn at 257-2758 or 257-1077 ext. 221.

OFF-LIMITS ESTABLISHMENTS

Investigative reports have been submitted for the following establishments: Hawaii Natural High, Nimitz Mart, the Pearl Kai Mini Mart, The Dungeon/The Temple/The Shelter, located at 142 Mokauea St., Honolulu, and Club 1739/After Hours/The Shelter located at 1739 Kalakaua Ave., in Honolulu.

PHYSICAL EVALUATION BOARD
CONFERENCE

The Physical Evaluation Board from Washington is inviting all concerned to their annual conference at Naval Base Pearl Harbor in Building 2 today at 1 p.m. The conference is set up for all personnel wishing to understand the process of a physical evaluation board and how disability is determined. For more information, contact Petty Officer 2nd Class Castellano at 257-1688.

H-3 CLOSURE

The Interstate H-3 Freeway between the Halawa Interchange and the H-3 tunnels will be closed in the Kaneohe bound direction only on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Traffic will be detoured to Kamehameha Highway on Sunday during closure also from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closure is required to perform routine maintenance and tunnel cleaning operations. For more information, call the Oahu District Office at 831-6712.

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MPD	257-7114
Crisis Hotline	521-4555
Child Protective Services	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852

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Donald H. Rumsfeld named SecDef

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WASHINGTON — For the second time in his career, Donald H. Rumsfeld has taken the helm at the Pentagon.

David O. Cooke, the Defense Department’s director of administration and management, swore in Rumsfeld as the nation’s 21st defense secretary at 6:10 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Old Executive Office Building here. Rumsfeld previously served as the nation’s 13th defense secretary, from 1975 to 1977 during the Ford administration.

“I am grateful to the president for the opportunity to serve again as secretary of defense,” he said, following the ceremony. “I look forward to working with the dedicated and talented men and women who serve in the armed forces and the civilian



Rumsfeld

“First, we must strengthen the bond of trust with the American military,” Rumsfeld said. “The brave and dedicated men and women who serve in our country’s uniform — active, Guard and Reserve — must get the best support their country can possibly provide them so that we can continue to call on the best people in the decades to come.”

Second, he said, the United States must develop capabilities to defend against missiles and terrorism, and newer threats aimed against space assets and information systems. “The American people, our forces abroad and our friends and allies must be protected against the threats which modern technology and its proliferation confront us,” he said.

Third, DoD must take advantage of the new possibilities that the ongoing technological revo-

lution offers to create the military of the next century, he continued.

Rumsfeld said at the hearings that one of his first duties as secretary would be to order a comprehensive review of U.S. defense policy. This would be in addition to the congressionally mandated Quadrennial Defense Review.

“This review will be aimed at making certain that we have a sound understanding of the state of the U.S. forces and their readiness to meet the 21st century security environment,” he said.

Prior to accepting President George W. Bush’s appointment to head the military, Rumsfeld served as the nonexecutive chairman of the board of directors of Gilead Sciences, Inc. and on the board of directors of Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. and Amylin Pharmaceuticals.

He was chairman of the Salomon Smith Barney International Advisory Board and served as adviser to a number of companies. Prior to his business career, Rumsfeld, at age 30, won election as a congressman from Illinois in 1962

and was re-elected in 1964, 1966 and 1968.

Rumsfeld went on to serve in the Nixon administration as an economic adviser. He served as U.S. ambassador to NATO in Brussels, Belgium, from 1973 to 1974 and returned to Washington to serve President Ford as White House chief of staff and then as defense secretary.

Even during his career in private business, Rumsfeld continued public service in a variety of posts.

Most recently, he was chairman of the Commission on the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States and chairman of the U.S. Commission to Assess National Security Space Management and Organization.

Born in Chicago in 1932, he attended Princeton University on scholarship, served in the Navy from 1954 to 1957 as a naval aviator and was an all-Navy wrestling champion.

Rumsfeld and his wife, Joyce, have three children and five grandchildren. Joyce Rumsfeld is the founding chair of the Chicago Foundation for Education.

Dedication earns honors for 1st Rad. Bn. SACO

Lance Cpl. Iain A. Schnaible
Combat Correspondent

When Marines have a problem with substance abuse, it can often seem like there is no where to go for help.

Staff Sgt. Anthony S. Korte, substance abuse counseling officer for 1st Radio Battalion, has changed that perception among his Marines, and that is why he was named SACO of the Quarter by the staff of the base Substance Abuse Counseling Center.

“I try to be proactive,” said Korte. “I try to recommend the appropriate treatment in a timely manner. I visit my Marines when they are in treatment. I like to get feedback from them about what helped them out when they came to see me.”

These qualities of caring and loyalty toward his Marines are what made Korte the ideal candidate for SACO of the Quarter.

“A good SACO has effective relational skills and knows how to put people at ease during their time of crisis,” said Roger O’Guin, director of the base Substance Abuse Counseling Center. “But, beyond being humane, SACOs have to know how to advise commanding officers on how to coordinate critical services for the personnel of their commands.”

Since taking over SACO responsibilities for 1st Radio Bn., Korte has assisted many Marines who have been sent to him for help, said O’Guin.

Sometimes a person just has a one-time lapse of judgement, but when someone continues to have these lapses, they don’t just open up and talk about it, said Korte. A SACO has to ask questions and dig deeper to find out what the real problem is.

Korte has been efficient, thorough and professional in carrying out his duties of counseling and aiding Marines who have alcohol and drug related problems. He has become known by the Tripler Army Medical Center staff as the most involved unit representative from MCB Hawaii, said O’Guin.

“When I heard I had been selected as SACO of the Quarter, I was very happy,” said Korte. “It was kind of unexpected since I hadn’t been in the job very long. I was surprised when people started talking about me winning it.”

Korte doesn’t perform his job at such a high caliber simply for awards and accolades, the duties of SACO for 1st Radio Bn. bring him pleasure and joy.

“I love my job,” said Korte. “I like to deal with people and solve problems. I like to help.”

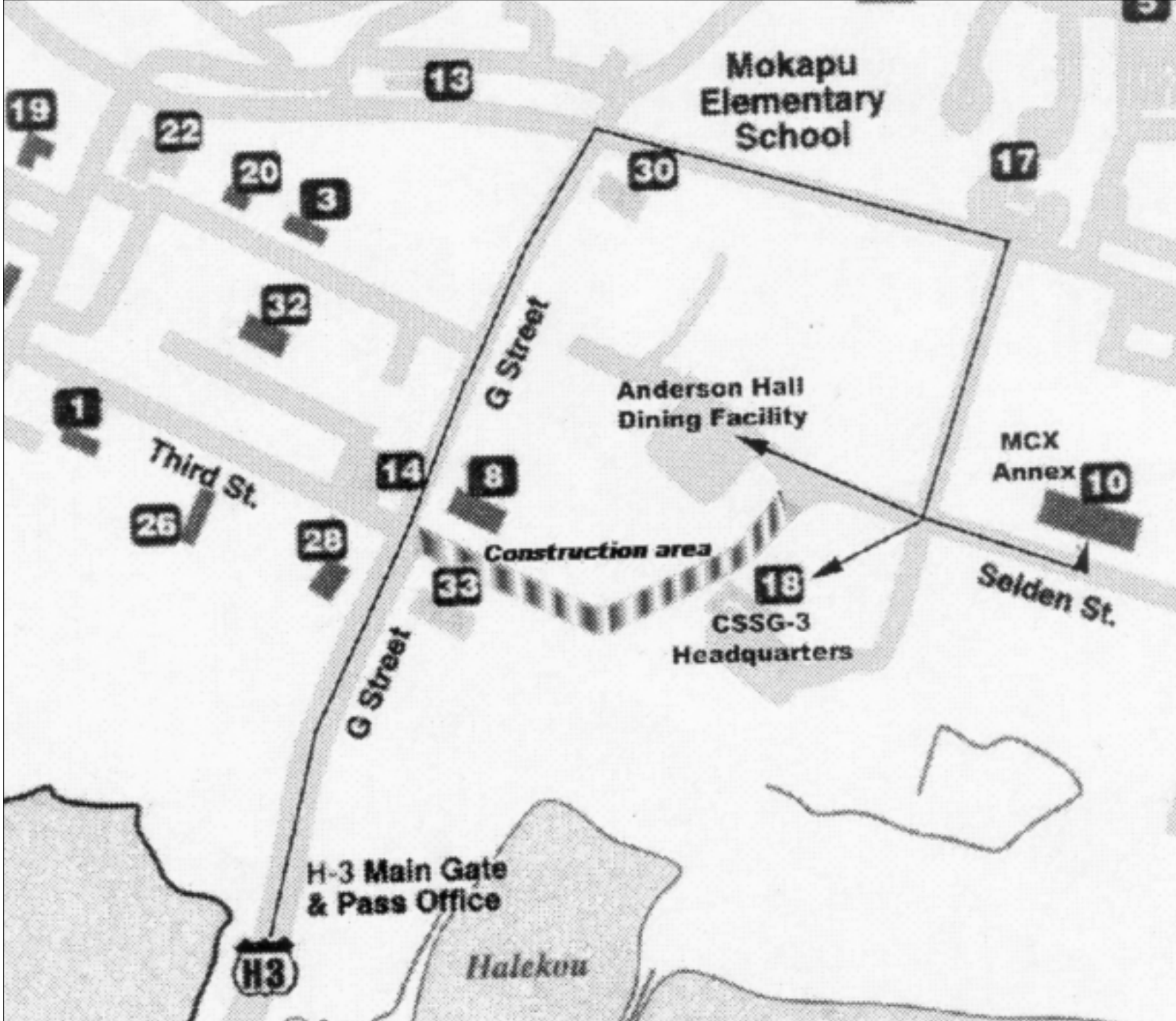
With a SACO like Korte, 1st Radio Bn.



Korte

Marines will always have somewhere to go if they need help or encouragement with problems involving drug or alcohol dependency. The SACO is there to help.

TRAFFIC UPDATE



Beginning Friday, Third Street will be closed from G Street to Selden Street. The graphic above illustrates alternate routes to facilities located on Selden Street. Motorists are advised to drive cautiously, as these routes shown above are expected to accommodate more traffic than average. Construction to this area is scheduled to end Feb. 8. The Hawaii Marine will keep motorists up to date on the status of this basewide road construction projects which are scheduled to conclude in June.



As students ran both a 300 and 600 yard course, Marines like Lance Cpl. Dennis Ugbara, a warehouse clerk for 1st Radio Bn., ran with the students to motivate them as they completed both courses.

K-Bay Marines invade school

Story and photos by
Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

Four men in black T-shirts, camouflage trousers and black boots stepped out of their 15-passenger van and immediately stood at the position of attention as the sound of morning colors could be heard across the parking lot.

Afterwards, they headed towards a field with scattered ribbons and banners. The joyful screams of children from kindergarten to sixth grade echoed from inside Enchanted Lakes Elementary School, as they went to their assigned areas.

The next four hours for Marines and Sailors from 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, 1st Radio Battalion and Combat Service Support Group 3, would consist of assisting the school staff, parents and Kailua High School students in the school's Physical Fitness Examination, Jan. 12, as part of 4th Force Recon's adopt-a-school program.

This is an annual event for every child at the school. The Marines and Sailors help the school out with this and other events, according to Ed Silva, activities director for the school.

"The kids are motivated by the Marines and Sailors enthusiasm and skills they bring here," said Silvia. "Kids need that motivation and enthusiasm to help build their own self esteem."

Marines and Sailors spent half a day running with kids around a pre-determined course and showing them how to do a standing long jump. At the same time, the kids would ask Marines and Sailors about their jobs.

"Do you run a lot?" asked kindergarten student Jake Hart. "My dad works all night and runs every day."

Fourth Force Recon called in for assistance from 1st Radio Battalion and 21st Dental Company, CSSG-3, due to the large number of students at the school. Each Marine had his or her own reasoning for attending the event.

"My sister is mentally and physically challenged, so it is my way of giving back and helping others," said Seaman Joseph Schumacher, a dental technician from 21st Dental Co., CSSG-3.

The children were called in for lunch and the volunteers cleaned up before taking their place in the chow line. Marines and Sailors spread out amongst the room of students to find a seat. The noon chow didn't stop the interaction between Marines, Sailors and students.

Discussions of military jobs and lifestyles were brought up while eating the fried chicken and rice that was made by the cafeteria staff.

The staff of Enchanted Lakes Elementary School said that they look forward to the next time that MCB Hawaii Marines and Sailors of are able to assist the programs held at the school.



As children ran both a 35 and 50 yard dash, volunteer Cpl. Steven Exceen, the construction memorandum receipts noncommissioned officer for 1st Radio Bn., timed one of the five lanes for the school's annual Physical Fitness Test.

Tax Center Opens



Cpl. M. Trent Lowry

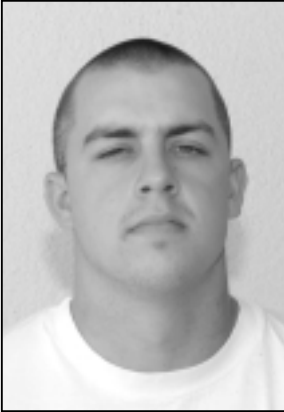
Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker, Jr. and tax center personnel cut the ribbon to the MCB Hawaii Tax Center Monday morning. The ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of the Tax Center for all active duty and retired servicemembers and their families to file their 2000 tax claims. The center takes walk-ins Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To make an appointment, call the Tax Center at 257-1686.

WORD ON THE STREET

What team do you think will win the Super Bowl?

"I want the Giants to win because I want to see two championship teams in New York."

Lance Cpl. Kevin C. Mack
Mail Clerk
HQ Co., 3rd Marines
Detroit

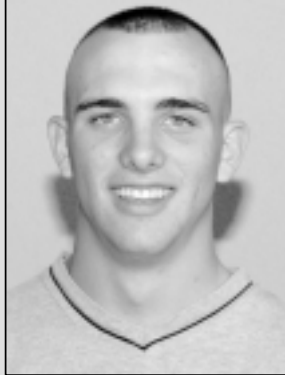


"Baltimore Ravens, because the New York Giants beat my hometown Eagles in the second round of the playoffs."

Lance Cpl. Jon W. Fries
Rifleman
India Co., 3/3
Philadelphia

"The New York Giants because I have a friend from there and I don't like the Ravens."

Lance Cpl. Jason L. DeLong
SAW Gunner
India Co., 3/3
Lake Arrowhead, Calif.

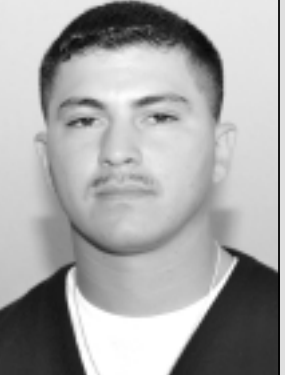
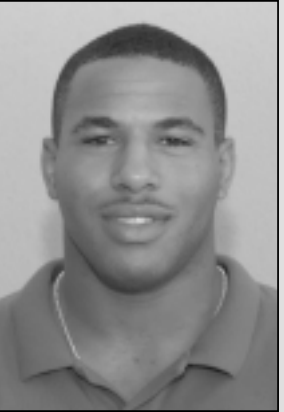


"The New York Giants are going to win because they are coming off that 41-0 trouncing of the Minnesota Vikings."

Lance Cpl. Matthew Fanning
Telephone Technician
H&S Co., 3rd Marines
Bayard, Neb.

"The Ravens are going to win because they have a better balance of offense and defense than the Giants do."

Cpl. Lecheton O. Settles
Canoneer
Bravo Battery, 1/12
Greenwood, S.C.



"The Giants got lucky getting past Minnesota and they are too inexperienced. The Ravens will win."

Cpl. Antonio Paiz
Canoneer
Bravo Battery, 1/12
El Paso, Texas

"The New York Giants because of their number one draft pick, Tiki Barber, and the Oakland Raiders aren't there to win."

Sgt. Pedro Esparza
Food Service Specialist
Anderson Hall
Los Angeles



Base Property:

Keeping MCB Hawaii units furnished

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Iain A. Schnaible
Combat Correspondent

When new equipment, office furniture or washers and dryers for the bachelor enlisted quarters are needed, who do Marines and Sailors turn to?

They turn to the Marines in the Base Property warehouse.

“We at the warehouse are responsible for ordering, accounting for, maintaining and disposing of all garrison property, equipment, vehicles and land for MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and Camp H. M. Smith,” said Sgt. Eric S. Rock, purchasing non-commissioned-officer-in-charge at Base Property.

Garrison property includes desks, computers, chairs, washers, dryers and any other equipment or property throughout the buildings on base.

“I love my job because I have many responsibilities,” said Lance Cpl. Larry W. Freeman, defense reutilization management office clerk at Base Property. “If it wasn’t for Base Property, a lot of things around MCB Hawaii couldn’t happen. I feel that I am an important part of the Base Property team.”

Upon entering the warehouse in which these Marines work, one is confronted with tall stacks of furniture, locked cages of electronic equipment, shelves lined with case of supplies and the equipment needed to move it all.

Two forklift operators busy themselves moving furniture loaded palletes while at the same time, two Marines scurry from one end of the building to the other, frantically taking inventory on a recent shipment before it must be separated and issued out to the sections that need it.

“We do everything with these supplies but deliver,” said Rock.

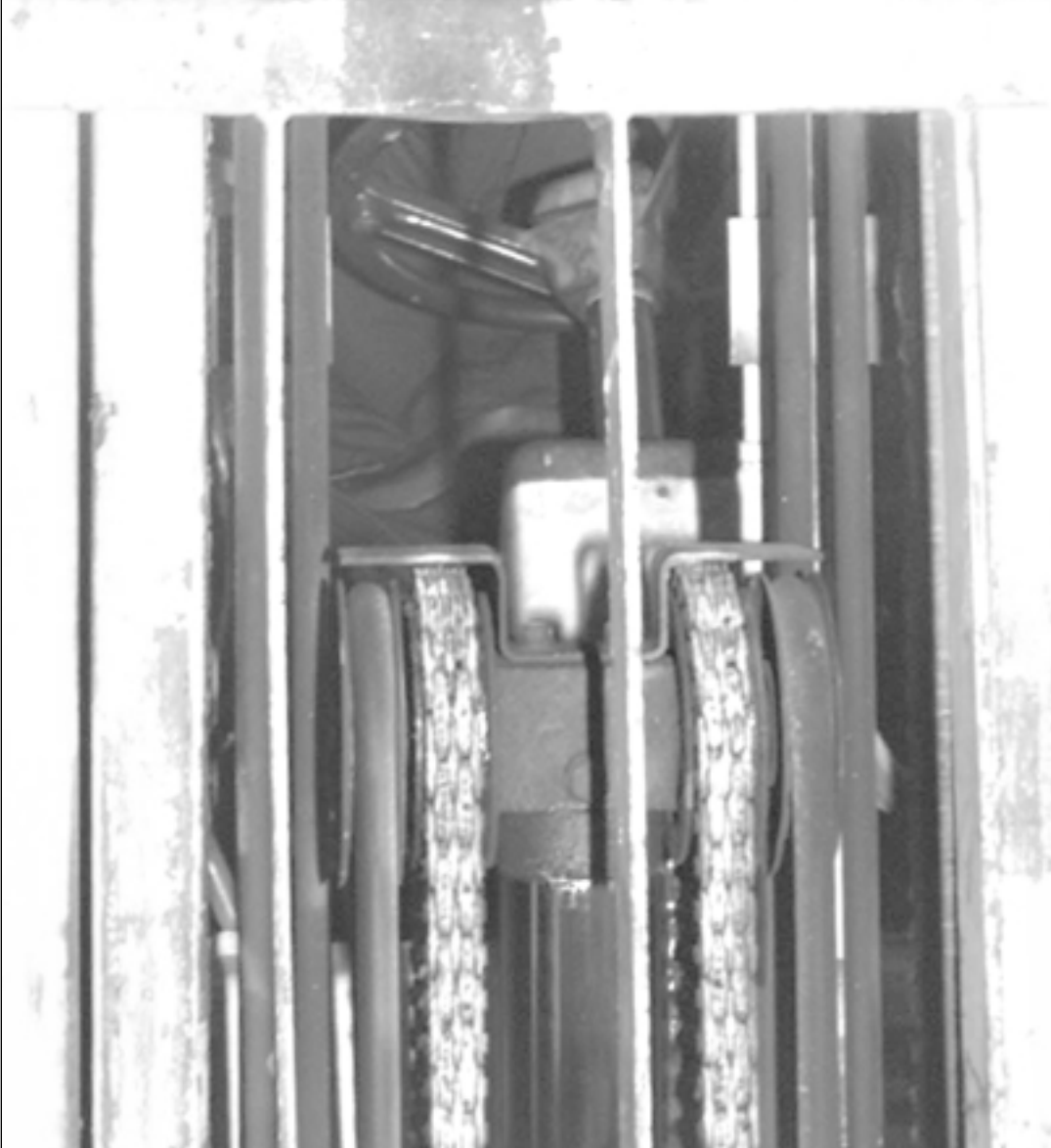
When Base Property receives a shipment, Marines inventory that shipment and notify waiting units that they can come pick up the equipment they so anxiously awaited.

“Base Property Marines make a huge contribution to this base by providing and maintaining the facilities Marines use regularly for work, play and rest,” said Rock.

Unbenknownst to many Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii, the hard work and efforts of the Marines of base property affect their everyday lives more than they think.



Sergeant Eric S. Rock, purchasing noncommissioned-officer-in-charge, inventories a shipment of furniture in the warehouse at Base Property.



Lance Cpl. Julian G. Bernal, a warehouse clerk with Base Property, moves a shipment of office furniture using a forklift in the Base Property Warehouse.

SALUTES

1st Radio Battalion

Meritorious Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Capt. Juliemae R. Soler
Master Sgt. Gregory S. Robinson

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Gunnery Sgt. Michael G. Dickey
Gunnery Sgt. Donald F. Flood

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Cpl. Anthony Sequiera
Cpl. John M. Scoggins

Australian Active Service Medal
Capt. Scott R. McRae



Tribal tribute



Cpl. Roman Yurek

After being sworn in by Rear Adm. Michael L. Holmes, Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Cpl. Joseph R. Jordan, a team leader with Kilo Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, was officially reenlisted into the Marine Corps for another four and a half years. When he found out the commander shared the same Native American heritage as he does, Jordan asked Rear Adm. Holmes to perform the reenlistment. Jordan and Rear Adm. Holmes both belong to the Lumbee Creek tribe.

MALSEK Marine sets shop standards

Cpl. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

At the age of 27, one Marine, prior to enlisting, wasn’t sure if he had what it takes to be a Marine. So before hitting 30, he enlisted and proved himself an asset to the Marine Corps.

Lance Cpl. Luis F. Guzman, a personnel clerk with the Marine Aviation Logistics Support Element Kaneohe, is one of those Marines who will do what ever it takes to get the job done and get it done right.

After the Navy units from Naval Air Station, Barbers Point were integrated into the Marine Corps air wing at Marine Corps Air Facility, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Guzman was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal for helping to create a computer pro-

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ilies of those who serve — the very families that you have served so compassionately.”

Shelton awarded both the secretary and Langhart Cohen Distinguished Public Service Awards. Cohen also received the Army Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Air Force Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service and the Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Award.

“We have loved this job, knowing that this day would one day have to come,” Cohen said to the audience. “We have loved this opportunity to be in the presence of heroes, to walk to sail, to soar with eagles.” Most of all, he said, he feels “an unqualified sense of awe” when in the presence of men and women and their families who serve and sacrifice for freedom.

“I have had the privilege of meeting with kings and queens, presidents and prime ministers and princes, sultans and emirs and yes, parliamentarians the world over,” Cohen said. “But nothing has ever been more rewarding than to visit our troops in Bosnia, Kosovo, Korea, Kuwait or Saudi Arabia; to land on a carrier in the gulf, where temperatures can run 120, 130, 140 degrees; to see our sailors and Marines carrying out their duties in that heat; to watch our Air Force put steel on target or deliver humanitarian relief to helpless victims of hurricanes, earthquakes or other natural disasters; to witness our Coast Guardsmen protect our shores or rescue those caught up in those ‘perfect storms.’

“I marvel at your raw courage,” the secretary told the troops, “your willingness to constantly train and prepare to fight the wars that can’t be prevented.”

He then recalled a Christmas Eve encounter at Bosnia’s Eagle Base three years ago that he said neither he nor his wife is likely to forget.

“As we have every holiday since, we joined hundreds of soldiers to share songs, and love, and levity and laughter, to bring just a touch of home to them,” Cohen said. “As we left that night around midnight, we passed along the perimeter and we came across three young soldiers for whom Christmas Eve meant manning a security post fashioned from wood. They were out there in the mud and the cold and darkness, standing guard in the night.

“As we expressed our gratitude for their service and conveyed our sorrow they couldn’t be home with their families, one of these soldiers looked at Janet and offered a response we will never forget — so eloquent in its simplicity, so profound in its sincerity: ‘That’s all right, Ma’am.’ Somebody has to do it. And besides, I think we’re making a difference here.’”

“For the past four years,

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gram that would track Marines and the Sailors.

The previous database was used to track only Marines, according to their name and rank, said Guzman. One of the problems was that the Navy use rates, which are similar to billets in place of rank. A system had to be made that would recognize those rates. The new program not only allows the MALSEK Consolidated Administration to track the units’ Marines and Sailors, but MALSEK can now generate awards list, recall rosters and send morning reports from shops throughout the unit.

Once this was complete, Guzman said he went back to helping Marines with their admin problems and teaching the new Marines in the shop where to go to find answers to their job-related questions.

“One day, the commanding

officer came in and had everyone in formation,” said Guzman. “He talked about how well we are doing with the integration of the Navy, and then he said Lance Cpl. Guzman report.”

The NAM that the CO awarded Guzman was not like many awards. Usually, when a Marine or Sailor has a medal pinned on, the person presenting the award hands them the citation. In this case, Guzman was awarded the NAM without a citation.

“Guzman is a hard charger,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Phillip Golinski, the administration officer for MALSEK. “He’s my jump ball player, anything that comes off the wall he gets. If I tell him to do something, whether he knows how to do it or not, he finds a way to get it done.”

Besides setting up a way to

track everyone in the unit, Guzman also said that because of his age and maturity level, he tries to set an example for the other junior Marines.

“The troops got to see that all that I do paid off,” Guzman said. “ I try to set the example, have fun at work and help people.”

Through his two years in the Marine Corps, Guzman was also able to accomplish a dream, the dream of wearing an eagle, globe and anchor. He said that he was not sure if he could keep up the physical fitness, but a few years later he is still charging through and getting the job done.

“The Navy is easy to get along with and we have been helping each other out,” said the Chicago native. “This is motivating work, and we will continue to improve to make helping personnel better.”

MCCLARY, From A-1

said McClary, “but I am happy for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and the rest.”

His positive attitude could be seen on his face. Every sentence he said to the Marines was followed by a smile.

It could have been real easy for McClary to give up after losing an arm, eye and use of a hand, but he kept moving.

“You have to take each experience, learn from it and drive on,” McClary said about life in general. “Everyone has a bad day, but you learn from it and drive on. I see many Veterans complain about the battles they fought, but I say that it’s over now, so drive on.”

This personal philosophy of McClary’s was not said for those who fought in wars, but in every day life. When a husband and wife fight about something, they shouldn’t dwell on the mistakes, but learn from and move on with their lives.

Traveling all 50 states and nearly 30 foreign countries, McClary has talked about many problems that are faced.

At schools he talks about drugs and peer pressure. At large corporations he talks about success. Even at Armed Forces schools, he talks about leadership. All these topics he relates to at some point in his life.

His main focus at any seminar is to teach people not to give

up, to keep trying and learning from mistakes so they can succeed. He told the Marines to keep succeeding not just in their job and promotions, but in education, marriage and in life.

“Suicide is the number one killer in youths today and one of the top killers in the military,” McClary said. “An old worker at my family’s plantation told me that when a guy jumps off a bridge, on the way down he is probably thinking ‘I shouldn’t have jumped’ and when a man shoots himself, just as the trigger is pulled, he thinks ‘I wish I hadn’t done that’.”

No matter how bad any of the Marines in that theater thought their lives were, the sight of McClary and his story might change their minds on their life.

A man, a retired Marine, who could have lost everything, who lost an arm, eye and use of a hand, who could have given up on life decided to get beyond what he lost and concentrate on what he can gain.

After his retirement, he received three Purple Hearts, a Silver and Bronze Star, along with numerous other awards as a motivational speaker. With the medals on his chest and plaques on his wall, McClary said that his success came from his attitude and the help from his wife and family.

Don’t dwell on past failures, was the meaning of his speech. Learn from them and with a positive attitude, move on to the next phase in life.

MPs, From A-1

help the Marines become physically and mentally sound in the performance of their duties.”

One of the reservists, Sgt. Michael Niezgoda, a N.Y. State trooper, was involved in a shooting in the line of duty just a week prior to coming to Oahu, and he brought much of that particular on-the-job experience to his lectures.

“I want to keep the Marines and the other branches of service, as well as the local civilian police agencies here abreast of what is going on in today’s day and age of officer survival,” said Niezgoda.

Some of the most important information passed on to the police officers was how to conduct traffic stops safely, how to be aware for drugs and weapons, and handcuffing techniques.

In the practical application portion of the seminar, the reservists acted as law-breakers in certain scenarios, while the students responded to the situations using the knowledge they were given during the lectures.

Role-players realistically portrayed drunken drivers, drug users and felons in an effort to familiarize what the students could be up against during what may seem like a routine traffic stop.

After each scenario was complete, the instructors went

over what the students did well, and what they needed to work on in those situations. In one scenario, the participating M.P.’s believed that a crime was, or had been committed, but could not investigate any further because of the lack of physical evidence.

“You have to be very aware



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver, Jr.

Staff Sgt. Scott Mahrkle plays an apprehended criminal.

of suspects’ civil rights,” Niezgoda told the students afterwards. Police officers have to pay close attention to the laws that pertain to search and seizure, said Neizgoda.

He also pointed out that today’s criminals are well

aware of the laws that protect them and what the police can and cannot do in certain situations. Much of the information handed out during the two days was vital to combating these law-savvy criminals. The knowledge and experiences shared by the reservists helped them perform their duties as civilian public servants in the safest manner possible.

With the completion of the seminar, MCB Hawaii military police and the other Oahu law enforcement agencies can better serve their respective communities.

COHEN, From A-6

we’ve been blessed to serve with you as you stand guard in the night, as you continue to make an extraordinary difference the world over,” he said. “Because of your patriotism, professionalism, because of your dedication, your daring, more people today sleep under the flag of freedom than at any time in history.”

Cohen said he tried “to keep the faith of all who have gone before me and who will come after.” He noted that his defense team managed to add \$227 billion to the defense budget for future years, secured the largest defense spending increase in 15 years and obtained the largest pay raise in a generation.

That team returned retirement benefits to 50 percent and began eliminating inequities for those who live off base. It also overhauled the healthcare system to provide decent health care for active duty, retirees and their families — “care that’s worthy of this nation,” he noted.

“And I want to mention one other thing,” Cohen said. “We kept our promise to help reconnect America to its military and to remind the American people that we must take care of those who take care of us — that freedom can be lost just as easily through indifference and neglect as it can through warfare.”

Foreign leaders have asked him how they can make their military more like America’s, he said. He turned to the troops present and said, “We have the finest military on earth because of you. We have the finest people on earth because we recruit and train the best America has to offer.”

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EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

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2/7 Marines conduct bilateral training in Republic of Korea

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MARINE EXPEDITIONARY CAMP, POHANG, Korea — The Marines of 2d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, recently deployed to Korea to train with the Republic of Korea Marines, as part of the Korean Incremental Training Program. The primary focus of the training



Lance Cpl. Keith R. Meikle

Lance Cpl. Mark A. Vera aims down range during ‘war games’ at KITP.

program is to create a positive working relationship with the ROK Marines. In doing so, 2/7 traveled to Korea to conduct bilateral training with the ROK Marines. “We are trying to develop and enhance our relationship with the ROK Marines,” said Lt. Col. Craig A. Tucker, the 2/7 commanding officer. “Any time you can work with some-

one, it increases the strength of the relationship.” During KITP, 2/7 Marines went “runnin’ and gunnin’” with the ROK Marines to see how they work, practicing patrolling skills and night attacks with their counterparts. The learning experiences 2/7 gained from training with the ROK Marines prepared its Marines for a four-day battalion-sized field exercise. “Training with the ROK Marines gives us a chance to learn tactics that they use that we may employ,” said Gunnery Sgt. Brian T. Foy, Platoon Sergeant, Scout Sniper Platoon, 2/7. “We explain our mission statement to them, then listen to theirs. Then both units would execute it to show each other how we each work as separate units” Deployed to Okinawa from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., 2/7 found itself on the opposite end of the climate spectrum when it visited Korea. Training in Korea’s cold and mountainous region provided 2/7 a change of setting. 2/7, which has deployed here on the Unit Deployment Program, is more familiar with training in the dry desert heat underneath the California sun. Despite the cooler temperatures here,



Lance Cpl. Marcus D. Henry

Marines move hurriedly toward a CH-46 helicopter during a Tactical Recovery of Personnel and Property mission at KITP. however, the Leathernecks viewed the training as being helpful in maintaining their combat readiness. “This training is necessary for us as a unit because we may be fighting in these (conditions) some day,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Robin P. Hummel, Operations Chief, 2/7. “The climate in Twentynine Palms is the opposite of what we are getting here,” Hummel said. “This makes us more diversified by preparing us for cold weather and mountainous terrain, as well as the desert.” The Korean deployment was viewed as an overall success, according to Tucker, who said it was “very productive.”